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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the prior art references are enclosed.

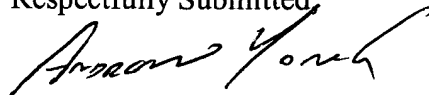
The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language reference is found in the partial translation (including abstract) of the Japanese language reference. See MPEP §609 A(3).

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed prior art reference materials in the examination of this application.

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